

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. )  
MARTAVIS WALKER, )  
Defendant. )

No. 4:24-cr-240 SEP

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Before the Court is Defendant's Motion to Continue Trial Date (Doc. [27]). Trial in this matter is currently set for November 4, 2024. Counsel states that previously appointed counsel resigned unexpectedly, and new counsel needs time to review the discovery, confer with Defendant and finalize a potential plea agreement. The Government does not oppose Defendant's motion, which is accompanied by an executed waiver of the Defendant's speedy trial rights (Doc. [28]).

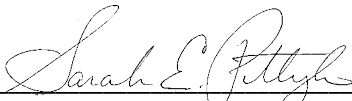
For the reasons stated in Defendant's motion, the Court finds that to deny Defendant's request for a continuance "would deny counsel . . . the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence," 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv), and that "the ends of justice served by the granting of such continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial." 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Motion to Continue (Doc. [27]) is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that trial in this matter is continued to January 6, 2025, at 9:00 AM, in the courtroom of the undersigned.

**IT IS FINALLY ORDERED** that the time between November 4, 2024, and January 6, 2025, is excluded from the computation of time under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

Dated this 31st day of October, 2024.

  
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SARAH E. PITLYK  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE